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## NC Reading Assessment

**Date: [Add date]**

Dear Parents and Families of Students in Grades K-3,

Read to Achieve is a program created in Legislation approved by the North Carolina General Assembly in July 2012. The program consists of components for improving reading proficiency for students in kindergarten through third grade. Legislation states that K-3 students shall be assessed with valid and reliable, formative and diagnostic reading assessments. North Carolina has selected Istation as the state's reading assessment beginning with the 2019-20 school year. Istation helps to identify students' abilities in phonological and phonemic awareness, phonics, vocabulary, comprehension, and fluency. Wake County Public Schools will begin using this assessment for the middle of the year benchmarking period which occurs in December for year round schools and January for traditional calendar schools.

There is an Istation parent portal which provides 24-7 access to:

- a personalized data profile of your child's progress
- supplemental learning materials and games for home use
- interactive books

Please see the enclosed Parent Portal letter for your user name and password to a secure web page accessed through [www.istation.com](http://www.istation.com). In addition, Ipractice (an app that can be downloaded for Android tablets, iPads, Chromebooks, Macs, and PCs) lets students choose activities at home that will help build early foundational reading skills.

To learn more about the Istation School to Home Connection you might visit: <https://www.istation.com/NorthCarolina/Home>. If you have questions about the Read to Achieve legislation please contact *(insert name of school contact and email address/phone number)*. *(Insert name of school)* looks forward to working for you and your child and helping him or her become a better reader by the end of third grade.

Sincerely,

[school principal name & signature]

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